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REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT, 1962

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J. W. Metcalfe, Sanitary Inspector, Reeth

Gentlemen and Lady,

The following is my Annual Report for the Year 1962. The statistics are based on a population of 1,740 persons, the lowest ever recorded. The area of the district is 116 square miles. The density is therefore 15 persons in each square mile. The number of inhabited houses is 905.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	21	= 12.07 per 1,000
Illegitimate Births	3	= 14.3 per cent
Still Births	1	= 47.6 per 1,000 Total Births

Infant Mortality	Nil
Maternal Mortality ..	Nil

Deaths	
Male	12
Female	12
TOTAL	24

Rate per 1,000 of population	= 13.79
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Summary of deaths

Deaths from Cancer ..	5
Vascular lesion ..	7
Coronary disease ..	3
Other heart disease	5
Pneumonia	1
Circulatory disease	1
Other defined disease	2

TOTAL 24

Notification of Infectious disease

Tuberculosis	Nil
Measles	55
Other infectious disease	Nil

WATER SUPPLIES

There is no plumbo-solvent water in the district.

The various water supplies have continued to function, but in many cases they were not quite adequate; so many houses have added baths and water closets. Marrick continues to be very badly served. A scheme is under consideration which ought to improve matters. In other villages the supply has been diminished for

short periods. In the last month of the year Reeth School was devoid of water owing to bursts, and a supply was conveyed from Reeth by Road Transport. The water for the School is examined bacteriologically periodically, and it varies greatly. For example, Arkengarthdale School tap on 9th January, 1962, 11 per 100 ml. Faecal Coli, Coliform Bacilli 160 - 25th July, 1962, Faecal Bacilli Nil, Coliform Bacilli 90 per ml.

The trouble is the gathering ground when cattle and sheep are allowed to graze.

SEWERAGE

The sewerage in many areas requires attention. Thwaite badly needs some form of sewerage, but the tenders are out and one for £3,074 18s. 3d. will probably be accepted.

In Arkengarthdale in the village of Langthwaite there is an old drain which runs through the village and discharges into the Arkle Beck.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

FACTORIES

Reeth Rural District is purely an agricultural area - the only factories are three garages and four joiners' shops where machines have been installed. The sanitary arrangements are satisfactory.

I again have to thank Mr. J. W. Metcalfe for his help on many occasions during the year.

I remain, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

W. C. SPEIRS

June, 1963.


WATER SUPPLIES TO HOUSES

PARISH	No. of Houses	No. of Houses supplied from Public Mains	Population served by Public Mains	No. of Houses supplied by Standtap
MUKER	169	85	180	2
ELLERTON	9	-	-	-
ARKENGARTHDALL	147	97	240	4
GRINTON	88	31	80	3
MARRICK	46	11	40	3
MELBECKS	201	158	370	2
REETH	256	230	550	1
	916	612	1,460	15

PARISH	Population supplied by Standtap	No. of Houses supplied by Private Mains	Population served by Private Mains	No. of Houses no piped Supply
MUKER	5	83	180	-
ELLERTON	-	9	30	-
ARKENGARTHDALL	10	44	120	2
GRINTON	7	51	140	3
MARRICK	8	28	66	4
MELBECKS	4	43	120	-
REETH	2	25	90	-
	36	283	746	9

The above figures for population exceeds the actual as, for water supply purposes, "week-end" cottages are also included.

PARISH	Water Closets	Dry Closets	Houses connected to sewers
MUKER	111	58	61
REETH	238	18	189
ELLERTON	9	-	-
ARKENGARTHDALE	88	59	16
MELBECKS	144	57	78
GRINTON	65	23	33
MARRICK	19	27	-
	674	242	377



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Public Health Inspector and Surveyor: J. V. Metcalfe, M.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.

To the Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen of the Reeth Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

Seasonal shortages have occurred during the year. At the township of Reeth serious shortages were experienced until bursts on the delivery main to the storage reservoir were located and repaired. Also, just prior to the Christmas holiday, the supply to Reeth School was completely off for a few days, the main storage on the Council supply having emptied owing to a number of burst water pipes, following heavy frost.

The formation of the proposed Water Board for the Area has not yet been carried through, resulting in a further delay to the improvement of water supplies for the district.

Proposals for temporary improvements to supply additional storage capacity at Keld and Marrick have been submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but sanction to proceed had not been given by the end of the year.

SEWERAGE

Tenders for the Thwaite sewerage and sewage disposal scheme were received and that of Messrs. Jacques & Sons of Spennithorne for £3,074 16s. 3d. subject to approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government was accepted.

The combined scheme for Reeth, Fremington and Grinton has been delayed, following a decision to use an alternative site for the disposal works, in order to save protracted negotiations on a compulsory purchase of the site originally chosen.

Existing Sewage Disposal

Although de-sludging of the septic tanks at Keld, Muker, Gunnerside, Healaugh, Reeth and Grinton is carried out, effluent discharges continue to be classed as "Bad" on analysis, there being no provision for the proper treatment of the effluent.

Pollution of the Arkle Beck at Langthwaite continues, receiving the direct discharge of sewage.

The Public Health Act, 1961 now includes the effluents from farm drainage as "Trade Refuse" and for which charges are to be made where such effluents discharge into Council sewers. The question of these charges was left over by the Council until such time as new schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal are in a more advanced stage, there being at present no costs incurred for the treatment of farm wastes.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Suitable arrangements for the proper disposal of refuse have not yet been concluded. At Arkengarthdale, a site in Tottergill Pasture has been

approved by the National Parks Committee, subject to the condition that the deposited refuse be covered each day. The site, which will require some excavation work and fencing, has an estimated "life" of 40 years, but a disadvantage is that at times it will be inaccessible during winter months, resulting in a serious dislocation of the collection service if this is to be the only tip available. With this latter in view, formal application has been made for Planning Approval to use the site at Stolerston on the low side of the main road for limited tipping during winter months.

Regarding the condition by the National Parks Committee that the deposited refuse on the Arkengarthdale site be covered over each day, this is just not practical when the additional expnse of doing so is considered in relation to the small product of a penny rate. The Council have objected to such a condition being incorporated with the approval.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The conveniences at Grinton, Reeth, Low Row, Gunnerside and Muker have been well maintained by the part time caretakers throughout the year and damage by vandalism has been negligible.

The Contract to erect conveniences at Arkengarthdale was let during the year and work commenced.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Conversion of dry closets to W.C.'s	..	..	12
Additional W.C.'s	..	..	3
New drainage inspected and tested	..	..	240 yards
Tests to existing drainage systems	..	..	16
Number of houses with water carriage system			674
Number of houses with dry closets	..	..	242
Number of houses connected to Council sewers			377

COUNCIL HOUSES, REETH AND GUNNERSIDE

The 18 houses have required only minor items of repair.

PRIVATE HOUSING

1 new dwelling is in the progress of erection.

3 additional dwellings have been provided by conversion of large houses into separate units of accommodation.

COUNCIL GARAGES

Three garages have been provided on the Council Estate at Reeth and each is now occupied.

HOUSING

Number of houses in Clearance Areas	..	..	..	..	..	nil
Unfit houses made fit after informal action	..	..	..	..	..	12
Unfit houses made fit after formal action	..	..	..	..	..	nil
Unfit houses occupied and subject to a Closing Order	..	..	..	..	..	nil
Unfit houses closed	..	..	..	..	..	2
Unfit houses now closed and subject to an undertaking not to be used for human habitation	..	..	..	..	..	3

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	nil
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CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSES

Number of houses in the district	905
Class 1 - Fit in all respects	108
Class 2 - Minor defects only	..	..	..	..	..	606
Class 3 - Requiring repairs and improvements	..	..	..	..	..	181
Class 5 - Unfit	..	..	..	..	..	10

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT

Nine applications for the "Discretionary" Grant were approved by the Council during the year, of which the "Approved Proportion" for Grant was £3,334, the actual amount for Grant approved being £1,198. The proposed works included the conversion of 3 houses into 6 separate dwellings, one conversion of an outbuilding into a dwelling house and one reconditioning of a house, subject to a Closing Order.

Ten applications for the "Standard" Grant were approved on which the maximum Grants to be paid totalled £725, the works comprising 4 internal W.C.'s and 6 Bathrooms complete with Hot Water systems.

The type of properties for which Grants were approved were as follows:- 12 owner/occupiers, 5 tenant farms and 3 tenanted houses.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of houses inspected during the year for housing defects (Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	..	..	64
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	..	..	87
2. (a)	Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	..	..	..	18
(b)	Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	..	..	..	1
3.	<u>Remedy of defects without service of formal notice</u>				
	Number of houses made fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	..	..	..	12
4.	<u>Statutory proceedings during the year</u>				
(a)	Proceedings under the Housing Acts in relation to individual unfit houses	..	..	..	nil
(b)	Statutory proceedings under the Public Health Acts	..	..	..	nil
(c)	Proceedings under the Housing Acts for demolition of individual unfit houses	..	..	..	nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding

No overcrowding within the area.

RODENT CONTROL

Only 6 complaints of infestations by rats were received throughout the year and these proved to be only "minor" infestations to houses and were dealt with using "Warfarin" baits. Minor infestations at the Muker and Low Level refuse tips were dealt with by permanent baiting points so as to prevent any "major" infestations. Treatments were also carried out at the Recth sewerage works. A number of farms were found to have small infestations but none allowed to increase due to eradication by the farmers concerned.

FOOD

Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Retail Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Butchers' Vans retailing meat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Premises registered for the Preparation of cooked meats								3
Ice Cream Manufacturers (Cold Mix Process)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Premises registered for the Sale of Pre-packed Ice Cream	16
Bakeries	4
Cafes	9
General Dealers - Retail food shops	17
Retail Vans	4
Vans retailing Wet Fish	1
Youth Hostels	2
Private Hotels	5
Boarding Houses	26
Licensed Premises	10

Registered Dairies

There are no premises registered with the Local Authority, all milk retailed being from producer retailers.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The works required to comply with the Slaughterhouses Regulations were completed during the year at the two Private Slaughterhouses and the necessary Licences issued.

Slaughtering throughout the year has been carried on in a proper manner and with due regard to hygienic practice.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	-	-	-	341	43	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	341	43	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and C. Bovis, whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Part of carcase/organs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus Bovis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of meat inspection visits	62					
Total weight involved	9 tons 3½ cwt.					
Weight condemned	nil					

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED PREMISES

Cooked meat preparation	62
Ice Cream manufacturers	6
Ice Cream Sale Shops	41

All premises where food is prepared were found to be satisfactory and the business conducted with due regard to hygiene.

FOOD HYGIENE

No educational schemes or clean food guilds are organised for the area.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

There were no condemnations of foodstuffs throughout the area during the year and no special examination of a consignment of foodstuffs was found to be required.

ICE CREAM (heat Treatment) REGULATIONS

The one manufacturer in the area uses only the "Cold Mix" process.

RETAIL FOOD SHOPS

All shops in the district are "family shops" with dwellinghouse attached, apart from one only lock-up shop. Toilet accommodation and washing facilities are conveniently available, together with first aid equipment. Retail vans

are provided with soap and towels for personal use at houses in each village, by arrangement.

SCHOOLS

The water supplies to schools throughout the area have been maintained during the year with the exception of Reeth. Here, just prior to the Christmas holiday the water was completely off for a few days due to the level in the main Council storage reservoir dropping to draw-off level, caused by there being a number of burst water pipes. Following repairs to these bursts, the supply was restored.

The preparation of school meals continues to be carried out in a proper manner.

FACTORIES

Number of premises on register	7
Number of inspections	34

CARAVAN AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Number of sites	13
Number of caravans	40
Number of inspections	47

All sites have been well conducted.

NUISANCES

Inspections for nuisances only	14
Number of nuisances found ..	8
Number needing abatement	8
Number abated by informal action	8

CAMPING SITES

Organised camping sites during the summer months have been run and maintained in a proper manner.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Drainage works in progress	36
Complaints investigated	18
Public conveniences	28
Factories	34
Housing improvement works in progress	122
Housing repair works in progress	42
Visits to learn if works done	27
Licensed Premises	28
Catering establishments	38
Food Hygiene Regulations	184
Registered Food Premises	109
Schools	8
Council Refuse Tips	18
Council Water undertakings	66
Petroleum Regulations	20
Shops Act	184
Bakehouses	12
Building Byelaws	112
Rodent Control	56
Caravan Sites	47
Camping Sites	18
Miscellaneous	56

CONCLUSION

Once again I have pleasure in recording my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. C. Speirs, and to the Clerk, Mr. Malcolm E. Scott, for the courtesy and assistance

extended to me during the year and for their good wishes for my recovery whilst I was in hospital. Messrs. J. A. Barningham and J. N. Whitehead again have carried out their duties on the Refuse Collection and Disposal service in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

your obedient servant,

(signed).....J. V. Metcalfe.....

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

